

- iv) Please replace the Abstract on page 24, with the following rewritten abstract:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A Linear composition and method for a linear or crosslinked cationic polyelectrolyte characterized in that it is obtained by, involving copolymerization of at least one cationic monomer with at least one neutral monomer and at least one nonionic surfactant monomer. ~~a self-reversible invert latex; their use as a thickener for cosmetic or pharmaceutical compositions, as a thickener for printing pastes for the textile industry, as a thickener for industrial or household detergents, as additives for the assisted recovery of petroleum, as a rheology modifier for drilling mud.~~